if the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Texas is continued west from Amarillo to the State line, its utmost western limit under its charter, is from forty-five to

sixty miles.

They can have no controlling interest in each other, or of any outside or connecting line, nor can any outside line dominate the Texas lines injuriously, if the laws of Texas are enforced. I know it is contended that these two roads are competing lines by reason of their connections with large outside corpora-tions, which they do not and "cannot control or manage," but I think I have shown that such a conclusion is based on a misapprehension of what the court said in the East Line case.

Respectfully,
L. J. STOREY, Chairman.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Tex., Wednesday, March 4, 1903. Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Lieutenant-Governor Geo. D. Neal in the chair.

Roll call. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beaty. Henderson. Brachfield. Hicks. Cain. Hill. Davidson of Lipscomb. DeWitt. Martin. Davidson of McKamy. Galveston. Mills. Decker. Morris. Douglass. Patteson. Faubion. Paulus. Faulk. Perkins. Faust. Savage. Grinnan. Sebastian.

Hanger. Stafford. Harbison. Willacy. Wilson. Harper.

Absent.

Hale.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND EM-PLOYES.

Present.

Clyde D. Smith. W. E. DeLamar. R. M. Gilmore. Amos Wynne. W. M. Cobb. Eldred McKinnon. Mrs. Laura V. Grinnan. F. P. Smith. Miss Lucy Lane.

C. H. Allen. D. F. Hughes. Frank Mullins. C. J. Kirk. Rev. I. S. Davenport. Miss May Faut Odom. J. C. Son. Miss Georgia Sturgis. Mrs. Hattie Yarbrough. Mrs. Hope H. Hawkins, Miss Emily Holcomb. Mrs. J. R. Van Orden. Miss Bessie Goldstein. W. T. Pace. W. A. Shaw, Jr. Lucian Goss. J. A. Chaffe. Harbert Davenport. Charlie Lane. Willie Gibson. Henry Paulus. Evetts Thornhill. Walter Savage. James Sebastian. Willie Gray. Jamie Snipes. Ed Underhill. Will Bartley. Reid Pierson. Dan Edwards. Josh Pyles. Ellis Monroe. Albert Hill. Mark Marsh.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. I. S. Davenport.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Wilson, the same was dispensed with.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Henderson, Senator Harbison was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate on yesterday on account of important committee work.

On motion of Senator Harper, Senator Lipscomb was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate on yesterday on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Paulus, Senator Hale was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate on yesterday on account

of important business.

INVITATION TO VISIT EL PASO.

Senator Hill offered the following in-

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, Lieutenant-Governor.

DEAR SIR: I am instructed by the citizens of El Paso to extend to you and through you to the Senate of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, a most cordial invitation to visit the city of El Paso, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the

Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, March 10 to 13, 1903.

The people of that progressive and enterprising city will greatly appreciate the honor of such a visit, and you are cordially requested to be present.

Senator Hill moved that the Senate

accept the above invitation.

The motion prevailed.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Senator Harper offered the following petition:

To Hon. A. J. Harper, State Senator from the Twelfth District of Texas, Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas:

We, the undersigned citizens of Robertson county, Texas, respectfully ask that you cast your vote and use your in-fluence against the House bill known as the Bryan quarantine bill; a bill to disestablish the present quarantine line in Texas, and to put the whole State below the quarantine line:

Wm. McIntosh.

S. M. Gibson.

J. P. Casimir. W. S. Allen.

N. F. Hooper.

J. M. Davis.

F. C. Lancaster. F. Martin, Jr.

J. F. Hanna.

A. D. Brashear.
A. T. Hoyle.
J. C. Engdohl.

F. T. Hebert.

Carl Hardy. C. P. Jones.

J. A. Gammill.

H. J. Weaver.

C. S. Barnum.

Jno. A. Taylor. Daniel Parker.

A. S. Gardner.

J. W. Prewett. L. S. Casimir.

J. A. Holsey.

B. F. Elkin.

T. W. Garrett. W. W. Foster. W. H; Allday.

J. A. Fraser.

J. R. Wilson.
R. E. L. Montgomery.
C. S. Allen.

C. D. Duey.

G. K. Proctor. N. F. Gay. W. J. Hughes.

B. H. Lastor.

B. R. Reid.

W. H. Perkins.

Jas. L. Marquess.

L. B. Mathews.

C. C. McLendon.

L. B. Mears.

B. F. Church.

Jos. B. Randolph.

E. T. Beard.

Jno. T. Garrett. Chas. R. McCrary. H. C. Miller.

L. A. eBrgeron.

R. L. Marks.

A. Marks. P. C. Gibson.

W. W. Bailey.

J. W. McNutt. C. R. Lovett. W. S. Hammond.

J. P. McLendon.

M. L. Collot.

J. L. Boatner.

J. Adoue.

Geo. C. Voll.

B. F. Love.

P. P. Anderson.

R. A. Risser.

L. S. Pierce.

H. W. Gilson.

J. J. Lauderdale. R. F. Drennan.

Jake Stashaski.

L. H. Parish. Guy Townsend.

A. Gillam.

R. L. Patterson. T. Fried.

E. Conitz.

S. B. Swinson.

F. A. Din.

C. A. Smith.

A. Weidemann.

G. Weidemann.

J. E. Snowhite. J. K. Smith. N. Garfintle.

J. P. Mercer.

Chas. Sinsheimer.

John G. Snowwhite. H. Friedlander.

Abe J. Friedlander. C. R. Miller.

Jas. Moore.

Chas. E. Rudd. Chas. Stykes.

H. Morris.

C. C. Carroll. Geo. T. Bergeron.

S. B. Lee.

H. Oscar.

J. S. Kennerly. Cheeves Leather Co.

V. G. Hartley.

J. A. Crouch. W. L. Parish. W. B. May.

H. P. Hardy.

S. Hohmann.

Jack Walden.

We oppose Swift and Armour combination

tions, as against the best interest of the State of Texas.

Senator Grinnan offered the following petition:

To the Hon. State Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas.

We, the undersigned citizens of the State of Texas, respectfully request that you enact such legislation as will change the cattle quarantine line so as to in-

clude the following territory:

Beginning at a point on Texas & Pacific Railroad where the said railroad crosses Pecan Bayou river in Callahan county, thence south with said Pecan Bayou to its junction with the Colorado river; thence northwest with the Colorado river, the point on said river where the present quarantine line crosses said Colorado river.

We would respectfully represent that cattle in the territory embraced in the above mentioned limits are as free from infectious or contagious diseases as they are in any portion of the territory lying north of the said Texas & Pacific railroad, and for that reason the said territory is unjustly discriminated against.

Respectfullly submitted, Phil H. Clements, Goldthwaite.

E. B. Anderson, Goldthwaite.

W. A. Harper, Goldthwaite. A. J. Gatlin, Goldthwaite.

G. H. Frizzell, Goldthwaite. J. W. Driskill,Goldthwaite. L. F. Harvey, Rutter.

G. W. Alldredge, Rutter. R. J. Atkinson, Goldthwaite.

J. L. Lewis, Goldthwaite. C. S. Kirby, Goldthwaite.

F. M. Hobbs, Goldthwaite. J. C. Street, Goldthwaite. J. W. Allen, Goldthwaite. A. K. Ellis, Goldthwaite.

Leonard Darghty, attorney.

E. G. Crawford.

Whit. Smith, county clerk.

L. E. Patterson, county judge.

W. C. Humphries, county commissioner.

H. J. Crockett, treasurer. E. O. Priddy, Goldthwaite.

M. C. Kirkpatrick, Mullin, Texas. W. G. Welch, Goldthwaite.

M. L. Brown, M. D.

S. E. Ross.

W. R. Ross.

R. E. Clements.

A. W. Barton, M. D. J. E. Barton, D. D. S.

R. E. Ross. W. E. Pardue.

J. C. Evans.

Lewis Hudson, Goldthwaite. R. M. Thompson.

R. T. Roberts.

W. H. Absher, Mullin, Texas.

L. D. Burton.

W. J. Mason, Coy, Texas.
H. F. Burts, Mullin, Texas.
C. H. Harrell, Goldthwaite.
L. C. Atkinson, Coy.

C. C. Yarborough, Goldthwaite.

G. H. Dalton, Goldthwaite. C. Morre, Goldthwaite.

J. W. Butz, Goldthwaite.

Will H. Trent, Goldthwaite.

D. H. Trent, Goldthwaite. J. S. Kelly, Goldthwaite.

J. G. Berry, Goldthwaite.

W. H. Fletchee, Goldthwaite. L. B. Archley, Goldthwaite.

E. L. Springer, Goldthwaite. J. H. Proctor, Goldthwaite.

E. Fletcher, Goldthwaite. W. A. McLeod, Goldthwaite.

Mason Rudd, Goldthwaite.

J. N. Keese, Goldthwaite. L. E. Miller, Goldthwaite.

A. B. Queen, Goldthwaite.
J. H. Potter, Goldthwaite.
L. W. Kennedy, Goldthwaite.

Ed Dickison, Goldthwaite.

Jno. W. Roberts, Goldthwaite. C. M. Harris, Goldthwaite. Albert Hag, Goldthwaite. L. M. Bull, Goldthwaite.

I. H. Mullen, Goldthwaite.

J. W. Kennedy, Goldthwaite.

R. L. Burnes, Goldthwaite.

A. W. Brown, Goldthwaite. W. H. Oglesby, postmaster, Big Valley, Texas.

W. M. Johnston, Goldthwaite.

B. A. Williams, Mullin. V. H. Williams, Mullin.

Jas. Rahl.

L. L. Shield. W. S. Baxter. Wm. Oshmore.

J. H. Brannon.

M. L. Bailey. Jno. R. Baniston.

B. R. Risenger.

C. B. Rindleman.

W. F. Guthrie. J. M. Gill.

E. W. Gill. S. R. Kenedy. W. W. Johnson.

J. D. Limpron.

J. T. Turner.

V. L. Grady.

O. Kelley.

A. H. Land.

W. R. Kelley.

A. J. Brown. R. L. Parsons.

S. H. Phillips.
J. L. Phwillips.
D. W. Curry.

R. M. Stephenson.

M. Gyson. J. C. Mitchell. John E. Hall. J. W. Babb. A. R. Babb. Jas. Scott. W. J. Hunter. M. Hunter.
M. Curry.
J. W. Parker.
J. S. Crawford. Ray Bacaman. D. W. Logan. A. Dunal. R. E. Fleetwood. W. D. Wade: J. M. Gardner. J. B. Anason. J. G. Denning. Dick Dellinger. Will Williams. G. W. Garrett.
W. H. Deming.
W. M. Robinson.
A. A. Dunnally. J. Ben Briggs. Milis Wofford. W. H. Evrage. L. W. Hunter. R. D. Kirkpatrick. Fred W. Turner. C. C. Burk. L. V. Stockon. R. C. Gay.
I. M. Hays.
J. W. Kingston.
A. R. Brown. Leon Shield. Stofferd Bulter. Willis Brown. J. A. Phillips. M. A. Vaborey. F. N. May. E. F. May. C. H. Thomas. A. G. Weaver. J. S. Gilmore. Sam M. Russell. Lee Guthren. Jim E. Gardner. B. F. Tonnon. W. A. Tonnon. N. O. Hasch. W. J. Hasch. Lee W. Oliver. Jno. T. Overby. T. M. Bennett. A. L. Farris. W. P. Hickman. D. G. Boone. W. H. Simmons. James Teague. J. L. Lykins.
Jno. F. Pope.
Mark McCarley. C. L. McDonald. M. M. Overby.

T. E. Rippy. W. P. Wilson. L. R. Wilson. W. W. Hegg. B. Martin. M. A. Hudson. J. R. Chadwell. W. L. Rose. W. A. Foster. L. Litt. P. P. Reynolds. J. J. Roberts. H. C. Johnson. C. B. Clark. J. W. Cox.
J. T. Sanders.
C. C. Killingsworth Chas. Flippen.
R. D. Kinney.
D. P. Kennedy.
J. A. Fain.
C. W. Thompson.
J. M. Wood.
J. N. Craig.
S. Sackett S. Sackett. F. B. Calvin. E. A. G. Broad. J. P. Henderson. Ed Henderson. John Plarce. F. M. Bowen. R. I. Bowen. R. F. Brown. Jerry Harbour. Aubrey Dunn. Cole Lewis. O. B. Manes, M. D. R. G. Prater. John O. White. W. H. Newsom. J. F. Henderson. Sam Roach. F. A. Dibrell. H. C. Clark. H. R. Starkweather. M. K. Starkweather
W. J. Coneson.
C. L. Dwyer.
E. M. Jones.
J. S. Weatherly.
W. G. Wray.
W. J. Stevens.
E. W. Jones.
Ches. T. Polls Chas. L. Polk. J. H. Tucker. J. E. Long. F. Beck. J. W. Leeper. J. W. Batsell. D. G. Williamson. H. S. Watson. W. C. McElrath. R. H. Henderson. J. S. Berry. E. T. Knight. W. F. Murray. D. W. Watson. R. M. Hall.

Sam Henderson. P. Johnson. W. H. Henderson. G. P. Raymon. E. H. Napier. H. L. Toole. J. A. McErath. J. E. Stevens. J. W. Dodd. N. Beakley. S. W. White. D. O. Cameron. John Witty. M. M. Ponner. F. E. Wilson. R. V. Wood. W. H. Harris. F. Groveock. G. W. Klutts. A. P. Penny. E. K. Spivey. Wett Hubert. M. Martin. J. P. Ledbetter. Jno. E. Brown. W. T. Knox. R. L. Dunman. Z. V. Henderson. W. N. Samer. J. O. Rosser. M. M. Williams. J. I. Ewing. H. White. A. W. Collins. J. M. Reed. F. Surdgross. G. P. Church. Will Mathews. J. B. Jarrel. T. A. Dedke. R. L. George. J. O. Woodward. T. J. White. W. F. Malone. T. R. Austin. J. C. Jones. H. L. Lewis. J. H. Babington. J. C. Dibrell. J. E. McCord. T. M. McCord. J. P. McCord. C. A. Hemphill. T. W. Martin. Joel Warren.
J. P. Morris.
W. R. McClellan.
J. W. Hamby. J. P. Dillaney. J. H. Moore. R. E. L. Cuep. Jim Prince. O. L. Tally. W. Anson. J. C. Dunn. B. Howell.

Jas. Helms.

R. L. McElrath. E. K. Smith. J. A. Bradley. G. M. Gray. W. A. Gray. J. H. Nance. G. W. Hindman. J. M. Bailey. R. S. Johnson. T. W. Bartholomew. J. E. Metts. J. A. Domphan. A. G. Copeland. S. M.Corkran. Tom Baird. Rankin Estes. Geo. Wethers.
W. T. Reddell.
C. B. Sewell. J. M. Sewell. J. S. Rogers.D. A. Paddleford. H. Paddleford. N. G. Campbell. Sam Epperson. Thomas E. Moore. W. S. Thompson. W. J. Robey. J. F. Gibson. A. J. Penrod. Jas. Gibson. D. W. Coleman. A. H. Alexander. L. E. Collins. A. M. Hicks. Robt. Goodfellow. J. A.Jameson. W. H. Doss.
J. N. Sewell.
Mrs. Mabel Lee. Miss Willie Day. Mrs. R. H. Overall. L. Love. W. O. Gann. H. H. Rogers. T. F. Hickox. J. M. Hickox. C. M. Fain. A. W. Savoy. Geo. D. Davis. Henry Painter. C. Buen. Earl Ford. Ed T. Smith. C. Ginz. E. S. J. Whitehead. C. L. McCartney. David Martin. J. E. Witcher. Henry H. Smith. H. W. Houk, G. P. Kelker. S. R. Coggin. J. W. Taber. John T. Rankin, Sr. Marshall Smith. B. S. Boysen.

Henry Ford. D. H. Wood. W. S. Fleming. H. A. Newby. O. F. Crumb. Joe Porter. G. W. Porter. Geo. D. McQueny. M. S. Wallace. B. F. Boyd. Frank Lacy.
Bob. Phillips.
L. J. Mauldin. A. E. Weison. J. H. Butler. I. J. Bailey. W. J. Champion. W. E. Burns.
M. P. Middleton.
W. H. Webb. Brooke Smith. Marion Ford. Claud McClellan. Eugene Baker. Gardner Thomas. J. A. Coggin. J. A. Starnes. C. A. Chambers. G. N. Baugh. Otho Elliott. Stuart Scott. M. M. Scott. Lee Lawson. H. B. Hardeman. V. Davis. E. B. Henry. L. Bain. R. G. Prater. Sam J. Dowty. F. M. Johnson. J. D. Matlock. C. S Key. Chas. Low. J. M. Dupree, Jr. And Harris. Elgie Green. B. R. Hart. S. R. Johnson. Hal Lawson. W. H. Key. J. H. McCollum. Lee M. Hall. L. M. Son. J. C. Thompson. C. A. Lampkin. W. H. Ashcraft. E. R. Ashcraft.
O. B. Faurly.
J. B. Smith.
J. C. Hood. Frank H. Cordell. Robt. Russell. A. B. Hahn. H. Murphy. Jack Hall, Jas. M. Boyer.

S. C. Coffee.

Pat Ford. Will Garms. Will A. Bell. J. E. Smith. H. Hemmersdorf. C. J. Scott. B. R. Gibson, John Pely. Wm. Spence. C. C. Myrick. J. R. Looney. W. B. McCulley. Joe Hall. J. A. Womack. Will Ashley. P. H. Anderson. Frank Tanner. Jerry Winston. S. Anderson. J. R. Everett. Jammie Cook. C. V. Evans. W. R. Roberts. J. W. Brandenburg. John Strailler. W. E. Martin.
T. B. Lathem.
J. W. Remington. D. K. Renfro. Z. F. Renfro. C. H. Jenkins. R. C. Hall. H. T. Williams. Wm. E. Schlick. Joe Ed Beavers. J. P. Lynn. Elam Elliott. J. I. Clingman. Dolph Wyatt. E. D. Hurbert. B. C. Warren. W. T. Hoskinson. E. A. Blinn. M. W. Graves. Lee Watson. A. S. McChesney. Julian Emison. A. M. Simmons. G. C. Duncan. W. P. Lambertson. Frank Emison. Ed G. King. W. B. Wilson. A. E. Smith. J. W. McCrackin. John McMinn. C. H. Calvert. W. A. McIntosh. C. K. Sweet. Guy Hill. C. Shairs. J. Hardy Smith. G. S. Willson. J. J. Burg. Louis Marquart. J. B. Dumas. A. T. Majors.

Thos. Bell.
Ira V. Connell.
Geo. D. Davis.
R. J. oBwen.
J. B. Savage.
J. R. Elmore.
S. N. Daniel.
C. M. Scott.
C. C. Patton.
J. A. Sigman.
Wm. H. Scott.
W. S. Bingham.
J. M. Perry, Jr.

Senator Savage offered the following petition:

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas:

The undersigned white citizens of the State of Texas do most respectfully petition your honorable bodies to enact such legislation as may be necessary to establish at some suitable point in the State of Texas, a hospital and infirmary and nurse training department for the indigent sick and injured of the colored race, and to make such appropriation as may be necessary for the support and maintenance of such institution.

In connection with the request so preferred, we ask that such legislation be also enacted as will limit the benefit of such institution to the sick and indigent, and prevent abuse of the charity and benevolence of the State.

The fact that many colored citizens are tax payers, and that there is no such institution now in the State and the further fact that this institution will save the counties of the State, in time, great expense, we trust will commend this petition to your favorable consideration:

Respectfully submitted,

Judge Norman G. Kittrell. Judge J. R. Burnett. D. J. Neall, M. D. F. L. Schwander. J. V. Dealy. W. D. Cleveland, Jr. E. W. Sewall. H. B. Rice G. K. Taylor. J. Larendon, M. D. John J. Foley. F. Charles Hume, Jr. J. H. Thompson, M. D. T. W. House, banker. I. Rosenberg. Garrett Hardcastle. J. L. Short, M. D. D. Rauh, M. D. W. C. Bosley. J. W. Scott, M. D. R. T. Morris. John Charles Harris.

N. L. Mills & Sons, per W. E. M.
A. Rauff, merchant.
J. Morris, merchant.
Geo. W. Littlefield.

I recommend and endorse the scheme, if constitutional. J. V. Meek, Houston, Texas.

Senator Faulk offered the following petition:

To Hon. W. A. French, Chairman of Good Roads Mass Meeting now assembled in Athens, Texas, February 28, 1903.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to report:

lst. That the State Aid Road bill now pending in the Legislature of this State meets with our unqualified approval and indorsement.

2nd. That we commend our honored State Senator for introducing this bill and for the earnest effort he is making for comprehensive road legislation at the hands of the present Legislature, and commend the warm and hearty support he is receiving from the Hon. Taylor Gilliam, a member of the lower House.

3rd. We demand of the Legislature favorable action on this bill or some similar measure.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Hon. J. J. Faulk of the Senate, and Taylor Gilliam of the lower House, and a copy be furnished the Dallas News and the papers of this county for publication.

5th. That these resolutions be signed by all persons present favoring same.

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL JONES,
C. L. KENDRICK,
W. R. COKER,

W. R. COKER,
Committee.
W. A. French.
Knox Henderson.
John Knight.
G. W. Allison.
R. W. Patterson.
M. C. Miller.
J. M. Barker.
W. G. Holloway.
J. M. Pickens.
G. H. Scott.
B. F. Bord.
Jno. B. Murphree.
W. L. Settles.
Walter Carroll.
C. F. Scott.
T. L. Keely.
J. W. Mitchell.
B. F. Warren.

R. W. Crawford. J. H. Shiflett.

Jno. T. Dickerson. E. P. Miller. R. C. Faulk. Sam Tubb. Earl Jones. Geo. R. Titsworth. S. D. Erwin. Geo. M. Wofford. D. L. Douthit. C. H. Hart. J. H. Derden. Emmett Spencer. J. G. Clay. J. F. McWilliams. Т. B. Green. C. D. Owen. D. C. Davis.W. A. Royal.J. M. Pinkerton. J. T. LoRue. T. E. Rhodes. George Brown. Henry Mallard. J. O. Giemore. T. H. Corothers. Wm. Matthews. J. R. Rierson. L. B. Hanna. R. H. Frizzell. S. H. Riley. B. T. Evans. Jim Barron. J. L. Warren. B. M. Roberts. Jno. D. Young. J. B. Williamson. Edgar Henry. E. A. Corroll. H. Heath. T. M. Matthews, Jr. B. Sigler. W. E. Henry \mathbf{Ben} Dave Dickerson. J. T. Deer. J. J. Weidle. C. H. Horn. J. J. Matthews. A. D. Tanner. J. N. Boggett. J. T. Chatman. Henry Wells. Charley White. T. J. Boss.

Senator Sebastian offered the following:

Haskell, Texas, March 2, 1903. Hon. W. P. Sebastian, Austin, Texas.

DEAR SIR: I beg to hand you petition of our citizens, in behalf of Senate bill No. 201, by Mr. Hill, and I hope you may be able to see your way clear in giving it your hearty support. Every person to whom I presented the petition cheerfully signed it.

Very truly yours, G. R. Couch. To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature:

We, the citizens of Haskell county, respectfully represent to your honorable body that many of the citizens of our county have purchased, in good faith, lands originally granted to railroad com-panies, and have placed valuable improvements thereon; paying taxes, etc.

In view of the fact that the continued disturbance of the titles of these lands, by the claim on the part of some people, and the officers of the State, that lands granted to certain railroads were not alienated within the time claimed; and which is denied, and in view of such contention the Commissioner of the General Land Office will not issue patent to many purchasers who have acquired such title, and made many valuable improvements on the land.

And, whereas, the right of the State to forfeit such lands is doubtful, and if such right existed, the State's right would be confined to an enforced alienation, as provided in Section 10 of the Act of January 30, 1854, which provides that in case of failure to alienate, etc., etc., the Comptroller shall sell the land and deposit the proceeds of the sale to the credit of the company.

Such proceedings would not benefit the State, and work a great hardship on the

people of our county.

And, whereas, said contention clouds the titles to our lands, retards their sale; and settlement and prevents the development of our county; we therefore petition your honorable body to pass appropriate laws quieting our titles:

H. S. Post. G. R. Couch. S. W. Scott. J. F. Pinkerton. B. H. Dodson. R. D. C. Stephens. Oscar E. Oalth. M. S. Pierson. H. G. McConnell. M. K. Hemphill. R. W. Tipon. I. N. Alvis. W. L. Hills. T. L. Carmy. Jno. A. Couch. J. W. Allen.

Lee Pierson.

W. T. Hudson. C. D. Lang, district and county clerk.

I. D. Killingsworth. W. W. Hyde. R. A. Jimmony. C. T. Jones. J. A. Davis. W. H. Boyd.

J. N. Ellis. J. U. Fields. W. W. Fields. R. B. Fileds.
J. W. Shortes.
S. W. Vernon.
J. T. Lawley. S. L. Robertson. H. W. Twiner. J. M. Johnson. R. E. Norman. W. S. Jemeyson. J. H. Camp. J. E. Poole. E. V. Griffin. W. T. McDaniel. T. J. Hogue. J. S. McClanahan. H. P. Williams. W. G. Williams. A. B. Carothers. J. A. Bailey. F. M. Morton. J. E. Murfee. A. D. English. Hery Free. Sam Anderson. J. H. Spurlock. Perry Clayton. A. J. Giles. A. M. Allen. J. B. Speck. W. C. Speck. M. T. Griffin. C. A. Norris. W. E. Sherrill. C. K. Jones. C. R. Peters. W. K. Whitman. B. L. Cummings. Ray Cummings. R. M. Packens. C. M. Cummings. G. T. Collins. R. Stuart. J. H. Carothers. C. C. Maloney. Jno. Fitzgerald. W. J. Sowell. J. E. Stevenson. Jno. E. Robertson. W. R. Tandy. J. F. Jones. R. P. Davis. W. M. Stephens. N. C. Smith. J. F. Vernon. J. N. Avary. Oscar Martin. T. A. Norris. J. L. Jones. A. F. Waldron. A. C. Foster. R. P. Marchbanks. D. B. Weaver.

H. S. Hatchett. R. P. Simmons. R. E. Yarborrough.
A. Marchbanks.
J. S. Post.
P. D. Sanders.
T. W. Langston.
C. R. Dennis.
R. R. Travis.
E. D. Avary.
J. S. Boone.
J. S. Bevers.
J. W. Collins.
G. L. Maloney.
Warren Fitzgerald.
S. T. Cochran.
J. W. Bell.
W. T. Jones.
D. H. Hamilton.

Senator Decker offered a petition of citizens of Hardeman county for passage of the Willacy local option bill.

Senator Mills offered a resolution adopted by the American Federation of Labor and the Waco Central Labor Council against the passage of the antiscalping law.

Senator Faubion offered the following petition:

Hon. J. H. Faubion, Senator, and Hons. A. W. Terrell and J. L. Peeler, Representatives, Austin, Texas.

SIRS: The undersigned believe that it is important and desirable that the interests of Texas should be adequately represented at the St. Louis exposition in 1904, and so believing, we, your constituents, hereby memorialize you to vote an ample and liberal State appropriation in aid of the exhibit of Texas interests at said St. Louis Exposition.

Respectfully,
Henry Hutchings. Henry Hutching J. R. Zaurence. H. L. Marks.
A. T. Corwin.
C. S. Taylor. E. H. Daniel. Francis Fischer. G. F. Hammond. J. H. B. Miller. R. J. Briggs. Ed Dickey. W. J. Haddox. James Brady. J. C. Wallace. A. Giesen. Ed Robinson. D. F. Kelleher. W. Maufrais. J. E. Howze. J. D. Smythe. Wm. G. Bell. H. L. Spain.

Wm. G. Bell.
H. L. Spain.
J. M. Patterson.
W. P. Allen.
W. B. Holliday.

Carl Bercer.
George Ash.
C. Canterbury.
J. A. Hench.
A. Hooper.
Ben E. McCulloch.
Joe Lee Jameson.
J. T. Chapman.
Ray M. Hamby.
Joe Harrell.
W. G. Sneed.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate, and Hon. Pat M. Neff, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

We, the undersigned members of the Free Conference Committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, to whom was referred House bill No. 130, to adjust the differences between said houses, do most respectfully beg leave to report that after having said bill under consideration, that House bill, as amended by the Senate, be agreed to, with the following amendments:

"Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Emergency deficiency for repairs, caused by the recent storm to buildings, \$6,070.00, or so much thereof as is neces-

"For moneys advanced by J. W. Melton, J. F. Lowry, D. P. Jarvis, T. B. Collier, L. A. Floore, J. H. Sharh, W. D. Pace, J. P. Seale, W. R. Mitchel and R. W. Spear for operating and maintaining the Troupe Experimental Station from September 1, 1902, to February 1, 1903, \$1,500. Said claim of \$1,500 to be audited and approved by the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and approved by the Governor of the State before payment can be had

"For the support and maintenance of the Troupe Experimental Station, from February 1, 1903, to August 31, 1903, \$1,000."

And we, your joint Free Conference Committee, most respectfully recommend that this, our report, be adopted by the two houses.

HENDERSON,
MILLS,
PAULUS,
FAUST,
WILLACY,
On the part of the Senate.

BOYD, LOW, RAMSEY, WEINERT, MARSH,

On the part of the House.

Senator Henderson moved that the above report be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

The following committee report was offered:

JUDICIARY NO. 1.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 4, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee Na. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 240, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3503, Title LXXIII, of Chapter 3, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1895, in relation to the appointment of notaries public in unorganized counties,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report to back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that the same be not printed.

HANGER, Chairman.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, March 4, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has adopted the report of the Free Conference Committee to House bill No. 130.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Faubion:
Senate bill No. 250, A bill to be entitled.
"An Act to amend Articles 373, 374, 374, and 376, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, relating to lotteries and refles and the sale of lottery tickets are the exhibit of signs, advertising the sale of lottery tickets or the taking of ders for same, and providing punishments therefor."

Read first time, and referred to Jude ciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Beaty:
Senate bill No. 251, A bill to be entitle
"An Act to authorize the incorporation of corporations for the purpose of
planting, growing, raising, millian
cleaning and marketing rice, with post
to own, hold and cultivate such lands
shall be necessary for the purposes
the corporation, and with further post

to establish, own and maintain ditches, canals, drains, levees and such machinery and pumping plants as shall be essential or useful in the irrigation of lands devoted to the cultivation of rice; and with further power to own and operate mills and machinery for the milling and cleaning of rice, and with the further powers granted irrigation corpora-tions under Chapter 2, Title LX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and also to authorize existing corporations engaged in the growing of rice to amend their charters and to adopt the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Faulk:

Senate bill No. 252, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Corsicana, in Navarro county, Texas, and to fix the boundaries thereof, and to provide for its government and the management of its affairs."

Read first time, and referred to Towns and City Corporations.

By Senator Faubion:

Senate bill No. 253, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require all persons, firms or corporations keeping and conducting hotels, inns or taverns in this State, more than one story in height, to provide sufficient and ample fire escapes at such intervals around the buildings used as a hotel, inn or tavern, that in case of fire, the occupants of such building may have efficient means of escape.'

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Davidson of Galveston: Senate bill No. 254, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the spread of the contagious diseases known as yellows, black knots, peach rosette, and pear blight among peach, plum, cherry, prune, almond, apricot, nectarine and pear trees, or the fruit thereof, and providing measures for the eradication of the same, and applying the provisions of this act to "San Jose scale," when found on any vine, plant, shrub or fruit tree."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

By Senator Davidson of DeWitt:

Senate bill No. 255, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 529g and 529j, of Chapter 130, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, of 1901, and adding thereto Article 529, relating to the offenses for the protection of fish, birds, game, etc., and repealing all laws in conflict therewith."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Davidson of DeWitt:

Senate bill No. 256, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2514, 2518c, 2518k, 2518m and 2518n, Chapter 175, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, of 1899, and repealing Article 2518r, Chapter 175, of the General Laws of 1899 and all other laws in conflict herewith, relating to Fish and Oyster Commissioner and his duties."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Hanger:

Senate bill No. 257, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 956, of the Revised Statutes, authorizing the appointment of deputies by the clerk of the Supreme Court, and providing for their compensation."

Read first time, and refered to Judi-

ciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Paulus:

Senate bill No.258, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 575, Chapter XC, General Laws, Regular Session Twenty-seventh Legislature, and adding thereto Article 575a."

Read first time, and referred to Judi-

ciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Paulus:

Senate bill No. 259, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4316, as passed by the Twenty-sixth Legislature at the Regular Session thereof, and re-lating to public weighers' bonds."

Morning call concluded.

SPECIAL ORDER (SENATE BILL NO. 175) SUSPENDED.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on its second reading, special order,

Senate bill No. 175, A bill to be entitled An Act to amend Sections 4, 5, 6, 8 and 13, of Chapter 12, of the Laws of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, which became effective on the 9th day of July, 1901."

On motion of Senator Savage, the special order of business (Senate bill No. 175) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 47.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on its second reading, unfinished business

Senate bill No. 47, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe a period of limita-tion within which any person claiming the right to purchase or lease public free school, State, university or asylum lands hertofore sold or leased to others, shall bring his suit therefor."

The question being on Senator Hill's motion to adopt the majority committee

report, the same was adopted.

Senators Beaty and Wilson offered the following amendment to the bill:

"Amend the committee substitute, printed bill, page 2, line 26, by striking out the words 'six months,' and inserting the words 'twelve months.'"

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Grinnan moved to reconsider the vote by which the majority committee report was adopted, and

Senator Hill moved to table the fore-

going motion.

The motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-13.

Beaty. Hicks. Hill. Davidson of DeWitt. Lipscomb. Davidson of Paulus.

Galveston. Stafford.

Willacy. Decker. Faulk. Wilson.

Hanger.

Nays—17.

Brachfield. Martin. McKamy. Cain. Douglass. Mills. Faubion. Morris. Faust. Patteson. Grinnan. Perkins. Harbison. Savage. Harper. Sebastian. Henderson.

Absent.

Action recurring on Senator Grinnan's motion to reconsider the vote by which the majority committee report was

The motion prevailed.

(Senator Stafford in the chair.)

Senator Grinnan moved to adopt the minority committee report as a substitute to the majority committee report.

Pending action on foregoing motion, Senator McKamy moved that further consideration of the motion be postponed and made a special order for Thursday morning, March 12th, at the conclusion of morning call.

The motion prevailed.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16.

On motion of Senator Hicks, special order of business (Senate bill No. 175) was suspended, and the Senate took up House Concurrent Resolution No. 16.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 16, Authorizing the Land Commissioner to withhold school and asylum lands from sale until pending legislation, regulating the manner of filing applications to purchase, is consummated.

The resolution was read, and adopted. | that the motion was not in order.

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 38.

On motion of Senator Davidson of De-Witt, the special order of business (See ate bill No. 175) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Substitute House bill No. 38.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on

its second reading,

Substitute House bill No. 38, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the em ployment of children in factories, mills, mines, breweries, manufacturing establishments, and other establishments using machinery, and to provide penalties for the violation of same.

Senator Brachfield offered an amendment to the committee report, and

Senator Hanger made a point of order that the committee report can not be amended, except by the committee.

The Chair (Senator Stafford) sus-

tained the point of order.

Senator Davidson of DeWitt moved to lay the bill on the table subject to call. The motion prevailed.

PRIVILEGED COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, March 4, 1903.

Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was re-

Senate bill No. 201, A bill to be entitled "An Act to quiet titles to lands located and surveyed by virtue of valid alternate land certificates originally granted by the State of Texas to railway companies and to other corporations, engaged in the work of internal improvements,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

SPECIAL ORDER—SENATE BILL NO.

The Chair laid before the Senate, special order,

Senate bill No. 175, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 4, 5, 6, 8 and 13, of Chapter 12, of the Laws of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, which became effective on the 9th day of July, 1901."

Senator Hanger moved to suspend the pending bill indefinitely

Senator Davidson of DeWitt moved to suspend pending business, and the Senate take up Senate bill No. 64.

The Chair (Senator Stafford) ruled

CALL OF THE SENATE.

Senator Davidson of DeWitt moved a call of the Senate on the motion to postpone indefinitely, the call being duly seconded, the roll was called, the following Senators answering to their names:

Henderson. Brachfield. Hicks. Hill. Cain. Lipscomb. Davidson of DeWitt. Mârtin. Davidson of McKamy. Galveston. Mills. Morris. Decker. Douglass. Patteson. Faubion. Paulus. Faulk. Perkins. Faust. Savage. Sebastian. Grinnan. Hanger. Stafford. Wilson. Harbison. Harper. Absent.

Hale.

Willacy.

Senator Hanger moved to excuse the absentees as shown by the foregoing roll

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Lipscomb. Beaty. Davidson of Martin. Galveston. McKamy. Decker. Mills. Faulk. Morris. Faust. Patteson. Grinnan. Paulus. Sebastian. Hanger. Harper. Stafford. Henderson. Wilson. Hill.

Nays—9.

Brachfield. Faubion. Harbison Cain. Davidson of Hicks. DeWitt. Perkins. Douglass. Savage.

Absent—Excused.

Hale.

Willacy.

Senator Douglass moved to postpone the consideration of the bill until Tuesday morning March 9th, after morning call.

Senator Hanger moved to table the motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN LOST.

Senator Paulus moved that the Senate

adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The motion to adjourn was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-9.

Harbison. Brachfield. Cain. Hicks. Davidson of Paulus. DeWitt. Savage. Faubion. Sebastian. Nays—20. Hill. Beaty. Davidson of Lipscomb. Galveston. Martin. Decker. McKamy. Douglass. Mills. Faulk. Morris. Faust. Patteson. Perkins. Grinnan. Stafford. Hanger. Wilson. Harper. Henderson.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Willacy.

The Senate refusing to adjourn until tomorrow morning,

Senator Davidson of DeWitt moved that the Senate take a recess until 2 o'clock this evening.

The motion was lost by the following

vote:

Yeas-13.

Faubion. Brachfield. Harbison. Cain. Hicks. Davidson of DeWitt. Lipscomb. Paulus. Davidson of Galveston. Perkins. Decker. Savage. Douglass.

Nays-16.

Martin. Beaty. Faulk. McKamy. Mills. Faust. Grinnan. Morris. Patteson. Hanger. Sebastian. Harper. Stafford. Henderson. Wilson. Hill.

Absent—Excused.

Hale.

Willacy.

CALL OF THE SENATE.

Senator Davidson of DeWitt moved a call of the Senate on the motion to table the motion to postpone till Tuesday March 9th.

The motion was duly seconded, and

the roll called, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beaty. Henderson. Brachfield. Hicks. Cain. Hill. Davidson of Lipscomb. DeWitt. Martin. Davidson of McKamy. Mills. Galveston. Decker. Morris. Douglass. Patteson. Faubion. Paulus. Faulk. Perkins. Savage. Faust. Grinnan. Sebastian. Hanger. Stafford. Harbison. Wilson. Harper.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Willacy.

Question being on the motion to table the motion to postpone till Tuesday, March 9th, same was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-14.

Beaty. Hill.
Faulk. Martin.
Faust. McKamy.
Grinnan. Mills.
Hanger. Morris.
Harper. Patteson.
Henderson. Stafford.

Nays—15.

Harbison. Brachfield. Hicks. Cain. Davidson of Lipscomb. DeWitt. Paulus. Davidson of Perkins. Galveston. Savage. Decker. Sebastian. Douglass. Wilson. Faubion.

Absent—Excused.

Hale.

Willacy.

Senator Douglass withdrew his motion to postpone until next Tuesday, and

Senator Hanger withdrew his motion to postpone indefinitely.

Senator Douglass moved that the bill be recommitted to Committee on Public Health.

The motion prevailed.

MEMORIAL.

Senator Davidson of DeWitt asked unanimous consent to offer a memorial and have it published in the Journal: Palestine, Texas, February 14, 1903.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, Austin, Texas.

MY DEAR SENATOR AND FRIEND: I see by the newspapers that you have interested yourself by getting my name given to a new county. For this please accept my sincere thanks.

While thanking you for the kindness, I hope you will excuse me for mention. ing another matter. I have been informed that the last Legislature appropriated \$10,000 to pay for statues of General Houston and Stephen F. Austin, to be sent to the Statuary Hall of the Capitol at Washington, as the contri-bution of Texas to that collection of statues of distinguished Americans, and I am told that duplicates of the statues now in Austin are to be sent. It was praiseworthy in the Legislature to provide for statues of two such distinguished citizens of our State, but surely the members could not have meant that the one representing General Houston should be sent there as reflecting the taste or sentiment of the people of Texas. And I hope my information in this respect may be incorrect. Surely no member of General Houston's family or real friend of his could wish to see him exhibited in that great collection of statues at the only period of his life of which neither he or his family or real friend can feel proud. He who had been Governor of the State of Tennessee, general of the armies which won the independence of Texas, was twice President of the Republic of Texas, three times sent by Texas to the United States Senate, and afterwards Governor of this great State, should be represented by such a travesty as the one in our Capitol representing him in the garb of an Indian with a leather hunting shirt, and instead of a bow and arrow for the sake of unity of design and the representation of a sword to accompany the hunting shirt. His great character was that of a soldier and a statesman, and not of an Indian.

In the name of justice, of honor and of good taste, and because of our appreciation of the memory of this great and distinguished general, statesman and citizen, as one citizen of Texas I pretest against the outrage upon Houston's memory of sending this thing to Washington.

Very sincerely, your friend, (Signed) JOHN H. REAGAN.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Faulk, the Senate, at 1:23 o'clock p. m., adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.